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Secretary of Natural Resources' Statement on the **Passing of Peter Douglas**

SACRAMENTO – California Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird issued the following statement after the passing of long-time Coastal Commission Executive Director Peter Douglas:

"California has lost a true champion for our world-renown coast and I have lost a good friend with the passing of Peter Douglas. His vision and leadership over nearly half a century has shaped a coast that is accessible to all and whose beauty has been protected.

Peter is an inspiration to me for the thoughtful work he has done protecting our coast, and the unrelenting commitment he showed to his work even in the final year of his life. I extend my deepest and most sincere condolences to his family, friends, coworkers, and all Californians who love our coast as much as I do."

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